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News Notes

Counseling Department and Transfer Center:

Deadline for filing graduation petitions for Fall 1995 is March 3, at 4 p.m. Petitions are available in the Graduation office in Administration 127. For more information contact Marsha Respass, graduation clerk at ext. 403.

CSUN representative will be on campus March 7 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a drop-in basis, and on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center and on March 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center.

Lee College representative will be on campus March 15 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on a drop in basis in Monarch Square.

USC representative will be on campus March 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. by appointment and from 11 a.m. to noon on a drop-in basis; all times at the Transfer Center.

UCLA has changed many requirements of its majors. Pick up a copy of the changes in the Counseling Department.

Tuesday Workshop Series presents "Pre-exam Relaxation Exercise (improve performance)" presented by Dr. Synthia Saltoun from noon to 1 p.m. in Foreign Language 102 on March 7.

Algebra competency testing will be held March 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and March 13 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Campus Center 116.

Financial Aid: Ability to benefit test will be held March 8 at 6 p.m. in Campus Center 116. No appointment is necessary, the test takes one hour and 30 minutes, every student must bring a picture ID.

Student health screening "Diabetes: Are You At Risk?", the screening will be held March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. A lecture will be held in Campus Center 205 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Valley College Historical Association presents lecture by Sam Yorty, three term mayor of Los Angeles, on March 6 at 3 p.m. in campus cafeteria conference room. The Topic is "Memories of an Elected Public Official Who Resides in Studio City."

Campus Concert Series: Please note the following change: Jesse Montreal will be performing March 16 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall instead of Feb. 16.

IMS Filmex Spring schedule: March 8 at 12:30 p.m. in Behavioral Science 101 "Antigone" will be shown starring Irene Papas and Manos Katrakis.

Women's History Month will be commemorated through a display in the case located in the Campus Center. The display can be seen March 6 through March 17.

Patrols increase following stabbing

□ Police watch campus by bike

By S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Campus police are patrolling the Arcade more often after a stabbing occurred on campus in January.

"This is the first time in 11 years there has been a life endangering situation here," said Campus Police Capt. Karl Traber. The 10 a.m. stabbing on the Arcade side of the Math-Science Building left one man seriously injured.

LeDonte Hicks, 18, was stabbed across the lower abdomen after an argument started between Hicks and two other men, campus police said. Traber said witnesses described the man that did the stabbing as a Latino in his early 20's, 6 feet 2 inches, and 270 pounds.

The other man was described as an Armenian in his early 20's, 6 feet and 215 pounds, campus police said.

Traber said that by the time campus police arrived at the scene the two attackers had fled, leaving the victim behind.

Campus police called an ambulance for the victim who, though bleeding badly, remained conscious while holding his slashed stomach together.

Hicks was taken to Holy Cross Medical Center. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was notified.

"We're still collecting evidence and statements from witnesses. We'll be ready to present the case to the district attorney this week," said LAPD Detective Abel Parga.

Campus police also report that since the beginning of the Spring semester, five vehicles have been stolen from campus parking lots and there have been nine burglaries from vehicles. "Things are not getting any better," Traber said. He reminds students, "Don't leave anything of value in plain sight in your car."

To contact campus police, use any campus pay phone and press #30. The call is free.



ROD GOODMAN/VALLEY STAR

Campus officers, Basilio Landeros (left) and Spence Gosenson (right) patrol the campus via bicycle. Campus police patrol has increased as a result of a stabbing which happened in mid Jan.

Campus pays the price for pool system

By S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writer

Regulations concerning the storage of hazardous materials on campus have forced Valley to switch to a new bromine, ozone and CO2 filtration system in the campus pool.

The new system cost Valley more than \$45,000 as the project went way over budget, said Charles Long, operations manager at Valley.

It's been more than two years in coming and now that the new sys-

tem has been installed, the school has been denied approval by the Health Department of full use of the new system.

However, compliance with Risk Management regulations prevents the use of the old chlorine gas system in the pool.

Maintenance is currently using the disinfectant bromine to keep the water clean.

Despite the setbacks, Long said, "The system is top of the line. There's no nasty taste or smell, no green hair or any other problem associated with the use of chlo-

rine."

Los Angeles Pierce College is currently using the new ozonation system in their campus pool.

"Chlorine is the cheapest way to keep a pool clean, but the use of chlorine gas is slowly being phased out. It simply has too many restrictions on its use," David Bush, building and grounds administrator at Pierce said.

"The new system is very expensive, but there's no possibility of getting pink-eye (conjunctivitis), and no stinging or burning of the eyes that is often associated with

the use of chlorine. It's great, it's the only system approved by the Olympic Committee," Bush said.

Risk Management is a unit of the Los Angeles City Fire Department. "If 100 pounds or more of pure chlorine is stored on campus, then the campus is required to submit to a risk management prevention program," Hani Malki fire protection engineering associate said.

"We're just complying with the regulation that states that chlorine gas poses a threat, so we've switched from a gas chlorination

system to an ozonation system," Dennis Reed, Community and Industrial Relations said.

Reed said that in the long run, changing the filtration system completely was the cheaper way to go. "It would have cost \$25,000 to have implemented the risk management prevention program initially. Then there were yearly fees to inspect and maintain the program."

Long agreed with Reed. "To comply with the program we'd have to store the chlorine in small

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Middle East consultant speaks

□ Professor Moshe Moaz speaks on the Israeli conflict

By LAURA RENOLDS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Professor of Islamic and Middle East Studies Moshe Moaz gave a lecture on the "Arab-Israel Peace Process & the Palestinians," Feb. 21 in FL 113.

Moaz is known as a scholar and

expert on Syria and a consultant to

the Israel-Arab peace process. Zev

Garber's Jewish Studies 4 class

attended the lecture. Garber, Pro-

fessor of the Foreign language

Department, started the introduc-

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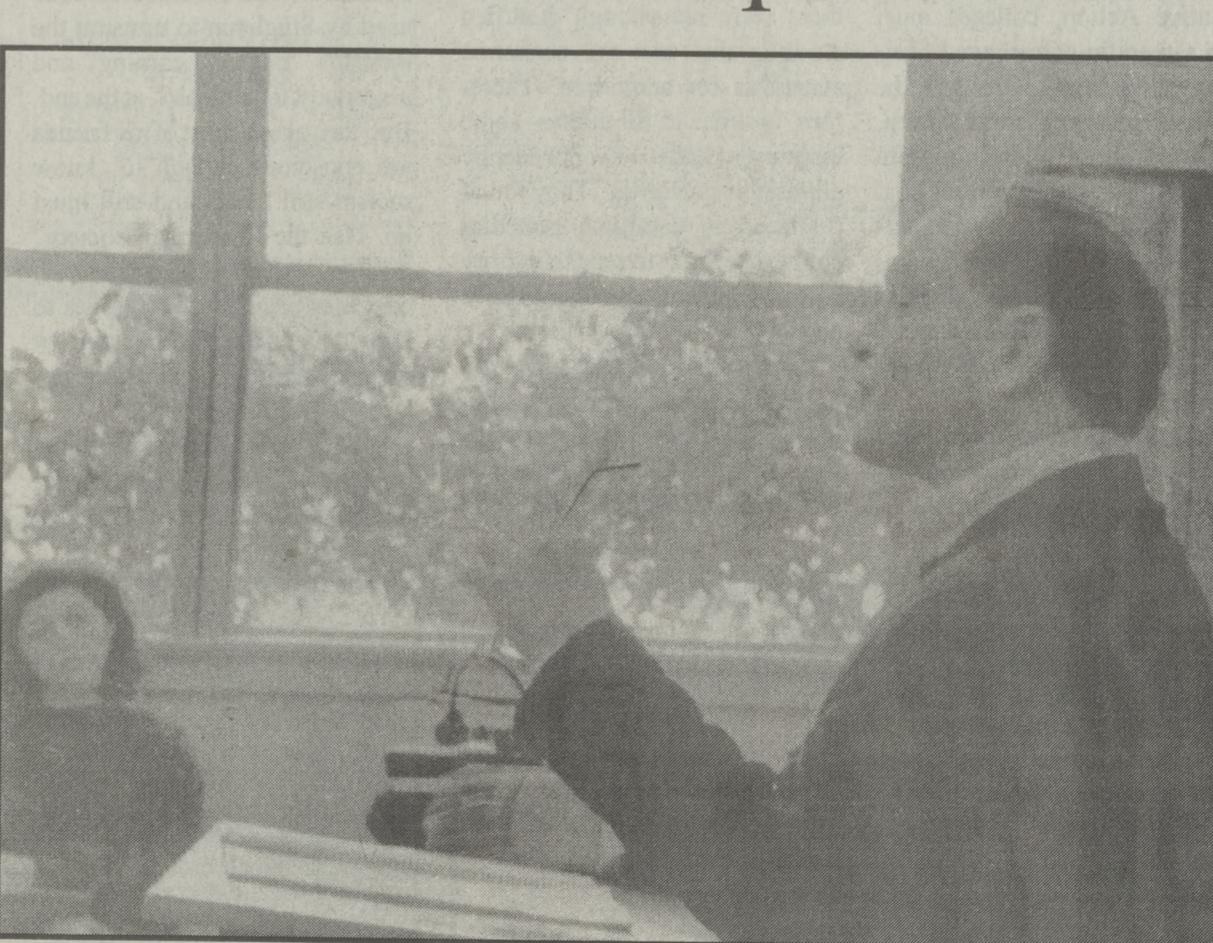
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Professor of Islamic and Middle East Studies Moshe Moaz answering questions on "The Arab-Israeli Peace Process and Palestinian Problem," which was the title of a lecture given Feb. 21. He also gave a lecture titled "The Syrian-Israel Conflict." Professor Moaz is a consultant to the Israel-Arab peace process. Sponsorship was by Jewish Studies/American Cultures and Hillel.

By J. D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Last year's earthquake delivered the final blow to Monarch Hall's aging roof, opening cracks that have caused leaks whenever it rains.

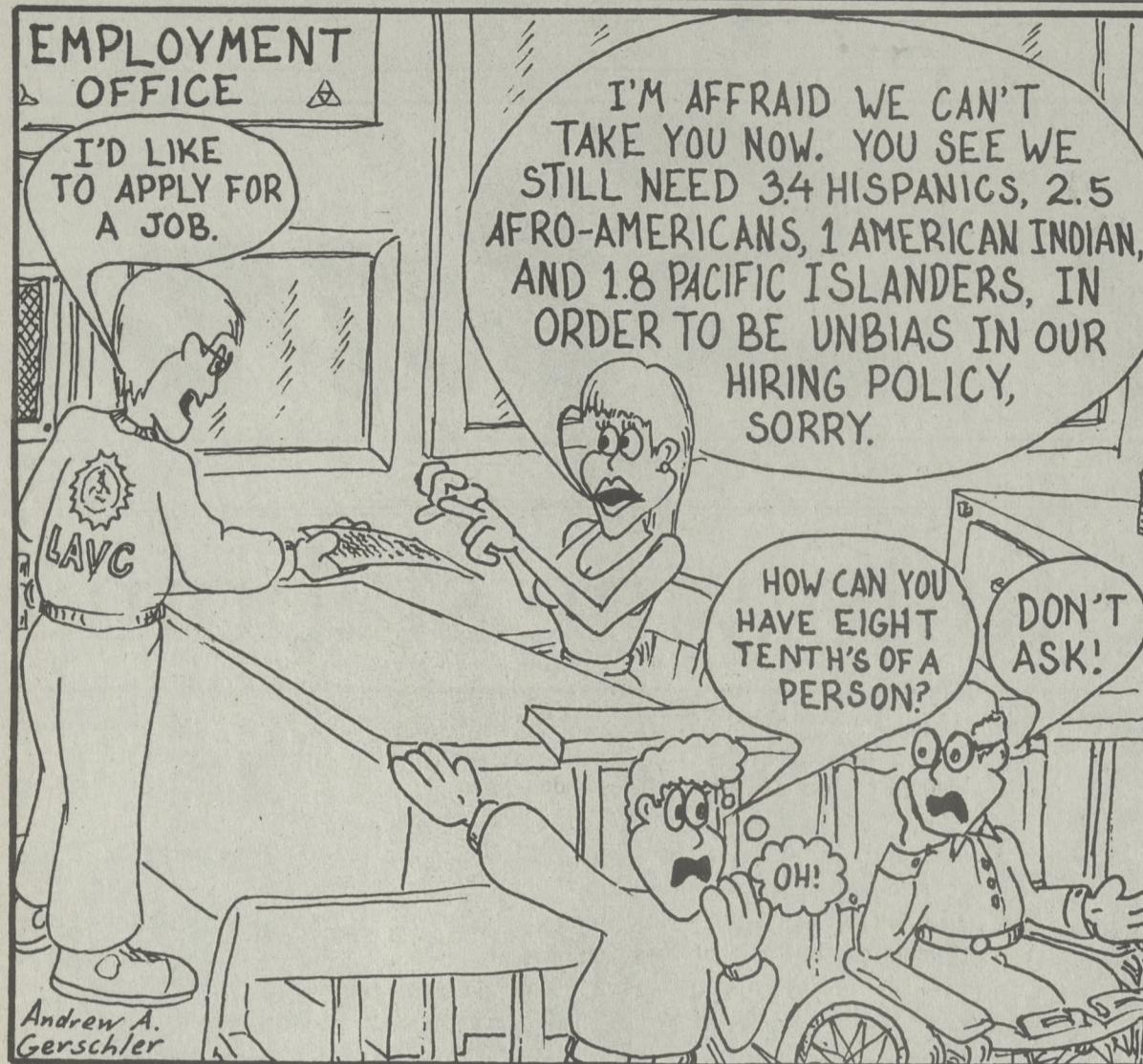
The damage resulting from the Jan. '94 quake entitled Valley to aid through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), said Dave Ogne, Building and Grounds Administrator for the college.

The hot-mopped tar and rock roof had become brittle over the 24 years since Monarch Hall opened, according to Ogne. "It was very fortunate for us to get this FEMA funding," he said.

"It was planned for years to replace it, but it was never done," Ogne said. The whole roof would

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FEMA pays for re-roofing



EDITORIAL

Parking demands expanding

Valley's parking lots are congested and overcrowded. Students are parking in faculty parking spots and along Burbank boulevard and Ethel and Hatteras avenues. The campus needs a solution to this growing problem.

By fall semester of 1995, students will no longer be allowed to park on Hatteras. Their former parking spaces will be designated red zones. There should be ample parking areas on campus for students and faculty, so that nobody would be forced to park off campus.

This dilemma usually occurs at nine a.m. on any given weekday when 90% of the student population attends classes.

The typical Monday morning five minute dash to the Art

Department after parking in a microscopic poor excuse for a spot on Burbank boulevard is an adrenaline pumping, high stress manner to begin the week. By the time this middle class student arrives to his lecture class after sprinting 400 yards, he flops down into a chair and feverishly begins taking notes.

The problem of exasperated, frustrated and irritated people flowing into early morning classes every weekday must come to a screeching halt.

Parking areas could be expanded and made more accessible for students to get to their desired destination.

Taxpayers should be more than willing to pay for a more feasible parking structure at Valley, rather than shelling out money to former

smokers who are now victims of emphysema and cannot afford healthcare.

A tall tiered structure, similar to those found in shopping centers, would cut down on the space of having seven parking lots with cars spread out as if one was standing in a vast metal meadow.

The time has come for a solution to be placed on the parking dilemma at Valley. Students should not have to even think about not finding an adequate space to rest vehicles while they go off to the cathedral of higher learning.

With the addition of a parking structure, plenty spaces would be available. It could be located in a central location on campus and still cost students the regular \$20 for a parking permit.

Affirmative Action calls for immediate action

By JOANA D'BALCAZAR
Valley Star Staff Writer

Affirmative Action is a program that seeks to redress past discrimination by increasing employment and educational opportunities for underrepresented minority groups.

Affirmative Action requires employers or institutions to hire or admit members of minority groups and women, in order to ensure that the diversity of the workforce, or the student body, reflects the diversity of the community.

The Affirmative Action program plays an important role in university/college admissions and the work environment, creating both positive and negative effects. Lately, however, it has been asked nationwide whether Affirmative Action is beneficial to students. Is the program serving its purpose? Are we seeing positive results? The answers require critical thinking, not a dogmatic position, but an open mind to analyze Affirmative Action effectiveness.

I strongly believe that individuals, regardless of their sex, ethnicity, race, or color, should be entitled to prove their own abilities. I deem that no program or institution should stereotype individuals' capacities based on their ethnicities. This is what was intended by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states that all Americans should have equal rights.

One of the positive effects of the program is that it originally gave an equal opportunity to minority groups, such as Black Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Women, who have endured and are slowly overcoming years of discrimination in order to be accepted by academic institutions and places of employment.

In the beginning, Affirmative Action was of extreme importance in creating a balance, especially in providing Blacks with the right to

an education, thus breaking the barriers and cycle of oppression to which they had been subjected.

Today, we are seeing a great increase in success among minorities, compared to past decades when they had to struggle for equal opportunity. Higher education and employment has increased among Black Americans and Hispanics.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics between 1983 to 1993, Blacks increased their presence in the nation's managerial and professional ranks to 6.6 percent. Women increased to 47.8 percent, while Hispanics held only four percent of the top jobs. Affirmative Action is a vital force in increasing the growing and visible representation of Hispanics in key positions of the social, political, education, and entertainment fields.

Affirmative Action is an advantage for minorities, such as Hispanics. This program offered us the opportunity to compete in this predominantly white society for equal rights in education and work," said Joe Feria, a college student.

The negative impacts are that, because of Affirmative Action guidelines, several white students, and even other minorities with high qualifications find it sometimes difficult to be admitted to college; because, according to Affirmative Action, colleges must have a specific percentage of minority admissions. This has the effect of reverse discrimination, yet, the purpose of the program was to redress past discrimination.

Thus, our students today are suffering a new kind of discrimination. Affirmative Action has not brought us a colorblind society, instead, an extremely color conscious society.

This race-based admission policy creates a modern form of racism on campus and the commu-

nity, creating more problems than it solves. For example, one of the cases that raised a lot of debates among students and the community was the 1978 Supreme Court case of Regents of University of California vs. Allan Bakke, a white male student, who was denied admission to the UC Davis medical school. The Supreme Court held that he had been unfairly discriminated against because of his race and that Bakke must be admitted. Four years later, Bakke received his doctorate in medicine.

According to Assemblyman Bernie Richter, "When you deny someone who has earned it and give it to someone else who has not earned it, you create anger and resentment. (L.A. Times, Feb. '95)"

The Board Rule 101301, printed in the College schedule, says, "A vigorous Affirmative Action Program is maintained to ensure appropriate utilization of certain protected groups in specific areas and levels within the District workforce through the implementation of specific result oriented procedures and activities. Rule 101301 clearly refers to "certain protected groups" so, what happens to other groups not "protected"? We need fairness and diversity, not favoritism.

Colleges and universities have had a difficult task complying with Affirmative Action quotas because there were not enough qualified students that met the academic standards for admission. Therefore, in order to fill quotas, some institutions had to lower academic admission standards. They found the need to establish remedial courses in order to teach minority students subjects that should have been learned in high school.

A case in point is the University of Texas law school, which is being sued for their admission policy standards that benefit blacks and Hispanics. (U.S. News & World

Report, Feb. 13, 1995).

According to the editorial in the Los Angeles Times on Feb. 24, "The Trustees of the Cal State System have begun to ask whether it is a wise use of resources to teach what should already have been learned. It's not reasonable, they ask, to exclude from the university those students who are not prepared for university work? If high school subjects must be taught again, should the teaching not be done in high school rather than in a university?"

Because of all these problems, many now believe that Affirmative Action started with good intentions, but it has deteriorated to a point that has actually become a reverse discrimination and I firmly

believe that every individual deserves a right to receive an education and reach his maximum academic and personal potential, regardless of their background.

We have reached the point where people continually want the government to do things for them, but as President John F. Kennedy wisely said, "Do not ask what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Therefore, I ponder, why don't we all try to work as one, instead of trying to prop up our own particular group or race.

In conclusion, I consider that college admission and employment should not be based on minority status or ethnic origin, but on academic merit, skill, and a genuine

desire to succeed.

I will summarize this commentary with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "So I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed—we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal. I have a dream...that one day people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Will this dream ever be realized or will it always just remain an optimist's dream?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In regards to your recent review of Higher Learning: Wrong answer Rebecca! Some of us out there happen to be learned enough to see the "Higher Learning" in John Singleton's film of the same name.

A very large group of people I know received messages from within and were incredibly moved by the between-the-line technique used by Singleton to transmit the message "Higher Learning" and his request to "unlearn" at the end. But, then again, most of my friends are conscious enough to know racism still exists and still must go. Has the "American society" mentioned that spent decades and centuries bringing these issues to light and dealing with them yet revealed how to overcome the political agenda of racism?

These long years of unveiling prejudice must be given credit, however, what has been done?

African history and the story of its part in what we know as civilization today was carefully hidden. Singleton's character Fudge told Malik where to find it. Ironically, outside academia.

Malik learned bureaucracy is not so much for the people as it is to use the people.

Hate cults snatch the lost of our society and transform them into beasts and psychopaths.

Needless to say, some people just do not care. Their silent message still screams, "Here Mr. and Mrs. Oppressed, be thankful for the crumbs and quit complaining." Can we deny this problem still exists on a bureaucratic, educational and personal level?

Singleton calls us to unlearn all that you have seen before your eyes. Erase prejudice, hatred and the concept of race.

You might contest that we have evolved already and why are more

of these films being shown. Maybe because the truth is still in the business of setting people free.

Let me ask this of anyone who does not understand what Singleton's film has to teach us. What was it that bothered or bored you so? The movie or the slapping reality the movie portrays?

If one can not watch such a negative reality and be moved to change it or even understand it then one might be better off at a comedy show or a Disney remake of "Snow White."

I say, "You go Singleton! Give us all you got!" I recommend this movie and any other that calls us to the consciousness of humanity. Unlearn. That is "Higher Learning."

Dionna Russell
Valley College Student

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Pool

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 containers, each in separate areas and the community around the college, within a one mile radius, would have to be notified that we're storing chlorine gas."

At Pierce, Bush said, "Our new system was installed June 17 last year, and was approved by the Health Department that August."

He said that approval was subject to a National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) listing that would declare the new equipment for the system as appropriate. Pierce is still waiting for the listing Bush said.

Valley's chlorine filtration system and equipment has been completely removed from the pool. There is no longer a choice between the use of chlorine, or the bromine-ozone combination.

However, since Feb. 3, the campus has not been using the new system in the pool as the Health Department shut the pool down for one day for the unauthorized use of ozone.

"The contractors, Norpool Products and Vantage Systems, Valley hired to install the new system, installed it without notifying the Health Department first," Richard Kebabjian, chief of recreation at the Los Angeles County of Health Services said.

"They figured the system at Pierce would be given a NSF listing by the time they had their own system completely running. The contractors made a poor estimate of time," Kebabjian said.

Kebabjian and Bush explained that Pierce is a test school for the new system. "Once Pierce gets an NSF listing all the schools that

have this system will automatically be listed," Kebabjian said.

He also said that as soon as Pierce has the listing, Valley will have permission to use ozone in combination with the bromine.

However, until that time, the Health Department has given Valley the okay to run the pool on bromine alone.

"Ozone replenishes bromine as it is used, making it last longer. We just spent \$9,000 on bromine and we're hoping it's going to last a full year. Compare that to \$4,000 a year for chlorine," Long said.

According to the file on Valley at Risk Management, Valley was notified Dec. 22, 1992 of the regulation regarding the storage of chlorine gas. They had one year to comply with that regulation or face legal action. As of Dec. 22, 1993 Valley has been in non-compliance with the regulation.

The school avoided legal action, however, by showing, good faith, through a series of letters notifying Risk Management of their progress in complying with the regulations.

Valley's biggest problem was funding for the \$45,000 system.

In Oct. 1993 Valley applied for state funding for the project and was granted the funds in Jan. 1994. By Oct. of that same year the contractor Valley hired for the job had exceeded the funds provided and a new contract had to be drawn.

By the beginning of this year Valley had a new contractor. Earlier this month the chlorine system in the pool was completely removed placing Valley in compliance with the regulations concerning the storage of chlorine gas.

Valley is waiting to hear from Pierce regarding their NSF listing.

ASU-in-Brief

Job fair will be held in Monarch Square from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 8. All types of businesses will be present. It is sponsored by A.S.U. and the Counseling office. For more information go to CC 102.

Positions are still available in ASU. They include Commissioner of Fine Arts, Commissioner of Native American Concerns, ASU Historian, Parliamentarian, and Associate Justice. For more information call ext. 361 or pick up an application in CC 102.

Club Day will be held March 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monarch Square. It is sponsored by A.S.U.

Broadcasting Club will be hosting a car wash March 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at College Circle Drive, at Coldwater Canyon and Hatteras Street.

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Student Health Clinic presents the facts about sexually transmitted diseases

By JOSE ISRAEL LEMUS
 Valley Star Staff Writer

Aided by vivid slide photographs showing male and female genitals with acute blisters, sores, pus and inflammations, a Health Officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Health's Adolescent STD/HIV project presented, "The Facts About Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD'S)" on Feb. 13, in Campus Center, room 205.

Paula Sodeika, the health officer, emphasized the use of condoms and other protective devices for sex. She told the students in attendance that careless sexual activities can lead to deadly consequences.

"Some diseases like syphilis and herpes make it easier for the HIV virus to get into the body," Sodeika said. She said the damage caused by such diseases to the genitals pro-

"There was good news as well as bad news as to how long it will take depends on the people and if they can come together with out the use of gun or war. Progress has been made by certain elections which will determine the future for the people of The Middle East," said Maoz.

Maoz said, "The people that live in Los Angeles from the Middle East can't solve the problems. The people in the Middle East can solve their own problems. It will take time for the peace process to grasp with all the different cultures."

vide the perfect habitat for other viruses and bacteria, and they are a bridge to the blood stream, the working field of the HIV virus.

However, it was not Sodeika's description of the diseases, but the detailed photos that prompted student Jenny Schnaker to say, "I will never have unprotected sex."

The photographs clearly displayed the effects of herpes, syphilis, gonorrhea and other venereal diseases.

Schnaker said, "(STD'S) are a part of life that everyone should know about. You should protect yourself."

While describing several diseases, Sodeika mentioned herpes, a virus with no cure, which shows up as reoccurring blisters on the genitals. Herpes can also cause blindness in new born babies.

On the other hand, gonorrhea, commonly known as "the clap," is curable but it can make both males

and females sterile. It can enter through the penis, rectum or vagina.

With similar effects, chlamydia can make women sterile. Symptoms include abdominal pain in women and a painful drip in men.

Regarding genital warts, Sodeika said they can become cancerous in females.

Another curable STD, syphilis usually shows up in the genitals as sores or a rash. It can cause heart problems, bones and brain damage and ultimately death.

Other diseases Sodeika described with their symptoms and effects were vaginitis and HIV. She warned that some infections such as scabies, lice and crabs can be spread not only by sexual contact but also by getting close to the infection.

"They can be picked up from toilets," she said.

Sodeika further warned about the danger of asymptomatic STD

infections which allow diseases to progress without warning. "More than half of the infected people do not present symptoms," she said.

In closing Sodeika said, "You certainly should use protection," Sodeika said. She invited students to take from various types of condoms and information made available on a table. "Anybody who has had unprotected sex, certainly should go for an STD screening," she said.

Registered Nurse Jill Wood, who coordinated the presentation said the lecture was the first of a monthly program, on various health topics, sponsored by the Student Health Clinic.

"We are trying to promote good health and educate students about diseases and preventive medicine," Wood said.

The next lecture will be about diabetes on March 13 from 2 to 3 p.m., in Campus Center 205.

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have been redone with state funds within a year, he said, but the earthquake catalyzed the issue.

FEMA inspectors were on the campus within days of the temblor, according to Ogne. Funds were also earmarked for new cabinets in the library, and a new roof and lighting for the gymnasium.

The first priority at Monarch

Hall was to replace its roof, which was supposed to be finished last weekend. "Inconvenience has resulted from the cracks, a lot of mopping up, nothing major," Ogne said. The building is structurally sound.

The ceiling's replacement is still in the planning stage, and that work may be done within a month to six weeks, said Ogne. The roof covering the Campus Center, on the building's north end, is scheduled to be replaced with state funds in the summer.

'Hair' sends audience on a trip down memory lane

By ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

"I remember those times. I wore clothes like that, but I had prettier beads. I still have my granny glasses and headband. I never did stuff like that. I smoked pot, but I never dropped acid or tried cocaine. I was at Woodstock and it was the greatest."

All the above are dribs and drabs from nostalgic conversations overheard in the mezzanine of Valley's Little Theatre during intermission, when approximately half of the audience, composed of middle aged and senior-citizens, clustered in groups and while drinking surprisingly delicious coffee, waxed eloquent in their remembrances of the turbulent '60s.

The band was groovy, upbeat, appropriately attired and the music they played, was a big part of the lives of the young people who struggled through this disgraceful period of America's history. However, in the relatively small confines of the theater, they should have lowered their decibel output during the solo performances of

the singers, as many of the words of the songs were drowned out and made unintelligible by the too loud music.

True to her word, Director Marjorie Vander Hoff adhered to the original script of Ragni and Rado, except for one minor deviation. While the entire ensemble bared their hearts and souls and gave all in their performances, the character named Margaret Mead, portrayed by Patrice Kirby, bared only her talent, which was a disappointment to some in the audience. The hedging on her part, in her clad body, when she should have been dressed only in her birthday suit, deprived the audience of one of the high-lights of the show.

Vander Hoff did a fantastic job in training the actors, considering the relatively short time she took in bringing this production to the stage. Many of the young actors in the cast had never performed in a musical comedy before, and had to be taught to carry a tune as well as be instructed in dance. She should feel proud of these gifted young actors, who presented themselves in a thoroughly convincing and

professional way.

A special accolade to Dr. Donald Hayes, whose rigorous performance in the role of Hud, replete with kick-boxing, shadow boxing leaps and other physical gyrations, was outstanding.

Every gifted member of the cast contributed toward making this revue a totally professional and thoroughly enjoyable one.

"The Wizard of Smoke," seemed to be carried away in his fervor, for at times, too thick clouds of smoke menaced the audience, especially those sitting in the front rows.

The lighting was terrific, especially in the scenes where the strobes were used in such startling display, which made the actors appear to walk both forward and backward in the gory scene they were enacting.

The costumes were truly representative of the attire of the "Hippy Generation," and a "Well Done" to the theatre students involved in the set construction. Far and away, this production of "Hair" was extremely well directed, staged and performed.



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Susan Ridgley with the rest of the cast from 'Hair' perform one of the play's many musical numbers.

Classical duet to perform for Campus Concert Series

By LORRAINE COHEN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Valley Campus Concert Series will present jazz artists Maria Newman and George Thatcher in concert. A sonata which will feature composer Newman on the violin and Thatcher on the bass trombone will be the duo's first piece. The second, entitled 'Nightingale and the Rose,' is a spoken performance with violin accompaniment.

At 33, Newman is the recipient of the Composer's Guild Award for composition. As part of the

University of Southern California's Victorbo Chamber Ensemble, she performs throughout the Los Angeles area. Newman also hosts "Music and Us," a Sunday night music show on radio station KXLU. She has participated in music festivals, and many of her works are recorded.

Newman's husband, George Thatcher, is an advocate of contemporary music. His studio musician's credits include work on the soundtracks of 'Jurassic Park,' 'Schindler's List,' 'JFK,' and 'The Shawshank Redemption.' Thatcher has also worked with

such greats as Harry James and Al Hirt.

Newman, who holds a degree in music from Yale University, has been involved in music her whole life and comes from a musical background. Her father, Alfred Newman, was a conductor and composer as well as an Academy Award winning musician.

Concert Series Coordinator Diane Wintrob said "We are very lucky to have the privilege of seeing such talented musicians at Valley College. The 50 minute concert will take place in the Recital Hall March 9 at 11 a.m.

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CPR now being taught on campus by Red Cross

By JOSE ISRAEL LEMUS
Valley Star Staff Writer

To care and to understand are two active verbs among people in the field of Child Development Education. Professor Fran Hardy is an activist. She has included, 'to meet the student's needs,' to the jargon.

Early after Professor Hardy learned about a California law with new requirements for childcare center, approved by Governor Wilson on July 20, 1994, last fall she set out to make sure Valley offered students the training to meet the requirements.

The Law requires childcare facilities to have available at all times, "at least one staff member, who has a current certificate in pediatric first aid and pediatric Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (infant CPR)." The law does not mandate that institutions teaching child development courses include the latest requirements.

However, Hardy, also Chair of the Family Consumer Studies/Child Development (FCS/CD) says, "I feel that we will be doing a

disservice if we don't provide the training and certificate students."

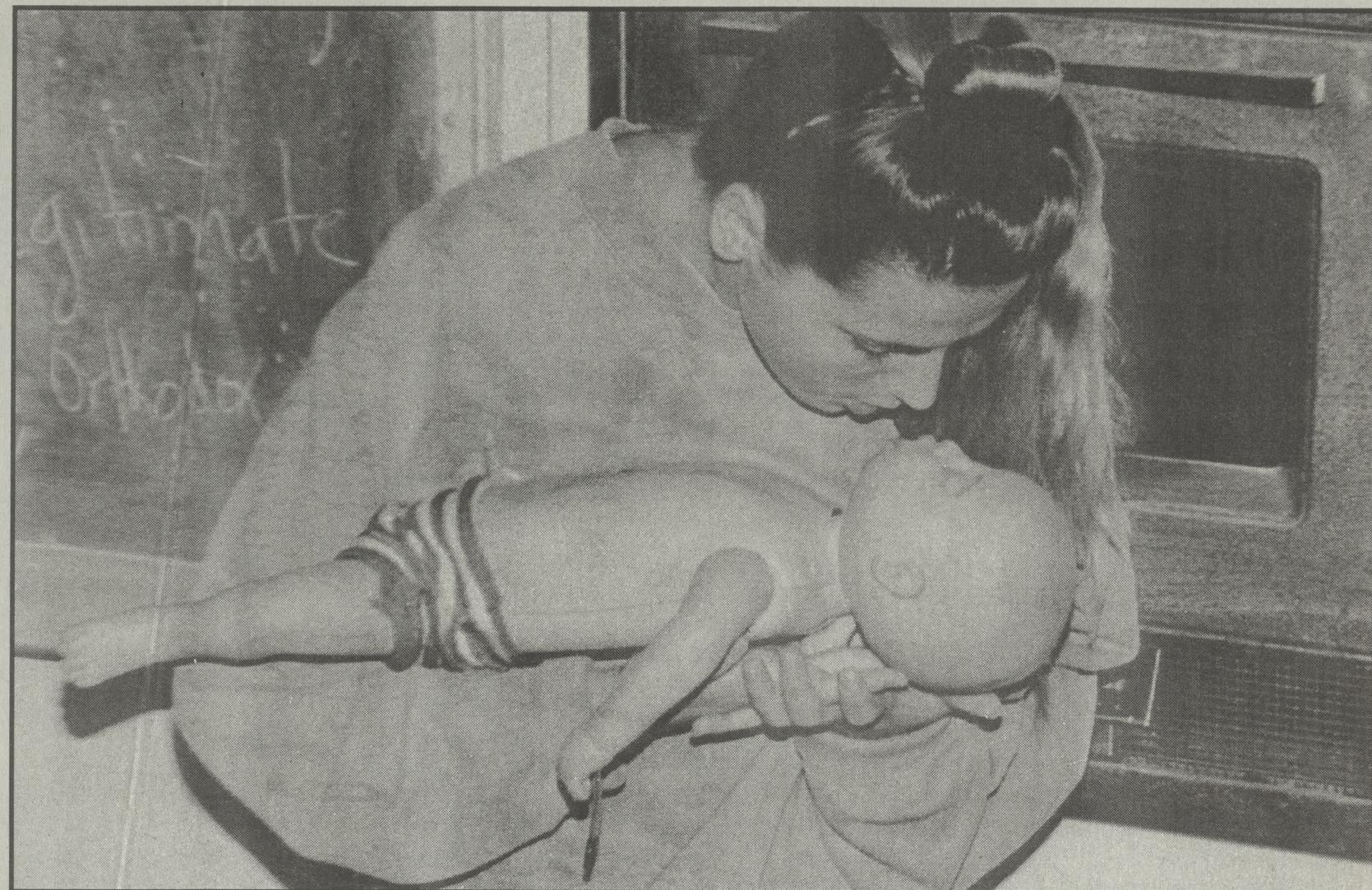
"The students who get the (infant CPR) certificate will become more employable," she says.

"CD 10, Child Health, as it is a class serving child development students, was the natural place for our students to obtain this training as a portion of their course of study," Hardy says.

Until the fall of 1994, Hardy had not taught CD 10 in her 30 years of teaching in the FCS/CD Department at Valley. When the news about the new law came she decided to incorporate the training in order to "meet the students needs."

"When I started teaching the class last semester, I went to the American Red Cross (ARC) and sought training," Hardy says. "To date, 73 students have completed the class and received all the certificates to qualify them. And about 85 students will complete the training this semester."

The certificates include California Childcare First Aid and CPR, California Childcare Health and Safety, and the Community First Aid and Safety certificate, issued



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by the American Red Cross, one of two official organizations authorized to provide the training.

On Feb. 11 Hardy earned a Red cross certificate that makes her, she says, "an official Red cross teacher on infant CPR instruction."

Students taking CD 10 receive 15 hours in infant first aid and CPR instruction given by ARC

instructors who Hardy has contracted. The practice is done by using dummies that look like one year old's, or younger.

Hardy is expecting to get grants for the training and has already submitted applications. Meanwhile, the training is costing students only \$25 to cover the cost of instruction, as opposed to \$65 if

they were to take it separately with the Red Cross.

But Hardy says she understands the students financial problems, and she uses her checkbook to cover the costs and students can pay as the class progresses. "Last semester all the students payed me back," she says. "My students are trustworthy; my students are wonder-

ful. They are the kind of people I can do this with."

Students taking the class express fond feelings for both the subject and the teacher.

"It is fun, interesting and you learn a lot," says Genevieve Raymond, smiling, and adds, "Everybody should learn CPR, it is something everyone should know."

Former mayor to speak with students

By REBECCA CAMARENA
and S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writers

Samuel Yorty, three term mayor of Los Angeles will speak on campus, March 6, at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room. The topic is "Memories of an Elected Public Official."

The lecture will be a question and answer forum and Yorty's memories will be mostly of the city and how it was at the time. "The San Fernando Valley was very nice at the time I was mayor," Yorty said.

"A lot of people know him and would like to ask him questions about his political career, after all he was a presidential contender," said Austin Conover,

curator of the Historical Museum.

As mayor of Los Angeles from 1961 to 1973 Yorty was the first Democratic Chief Executive of Los Angeles in 40 years.

Yorty won the election without the support of his own democratic party because he endorsed Richard Nixon for President in 1960 over John F. Kennedy.

Yorty became a contender for president in 1972 but, in 1973 stunned the nation by running on the Republican ticket.

Yorty was mayor of America's third largest and fastest growing city. In his scandal free administration he lowered property taxes and brought industry to Los Angeles. Yorty's other achievements included the

building of the Convention Center, City Hall East, the Art Center and Los Angeles Zoo.

"The best accomplishment in office for me was the good relationship I had with the police and fire departments. A police chief should be a member from the city not from the outside and it should be the mayor who has good relations with these two departments. I talk to a lot of the people in those departments and the morale is very low", said Yorty.

Yorty commented about the current mayor of Los Angeles, Richard Riordan, in that he is doing a great job but, pointed out that after Bradley (former Mayor Thomas Bradley) he has had a lot to clean up.

"I remember Yorty as being a

feisty fellow, very outspoken and sometimes went looking for things to stir up", Conover said.

Born October 1, 1909 to parents of Irish ancestry Yorty grew up with his two sisters in Lincoln, Nebraska. William Jennings Bryant and Woodrow Wilson were family heroes and politics was a constant subject of conversation.

Yorty worked throughout his early years to help support his family and put himself through school. After graduating from high school Yorty moved to Los Angeles where he attended Southwestern University.

For more than a decade he studied pre-law and law at Southwestern University and the University of California. Yorty

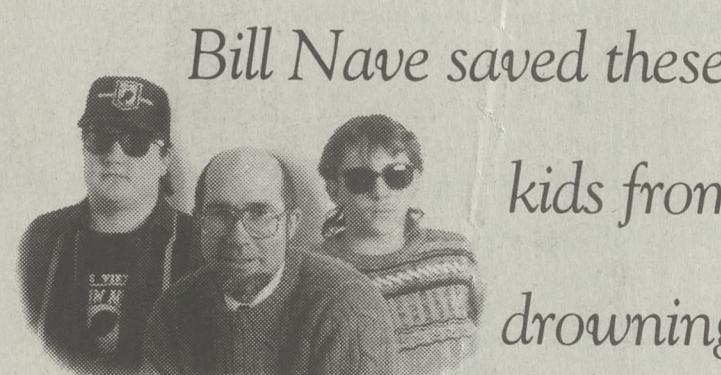
passed the California Bar in 1939.

During his first years in Los Angeles, Yorty worked at different jobs and eventually became a field agent with the Los Angeles Water and Power Department.

Yorty served as a California State Assemblyman from 1936 to 1940. After his term he joined the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Serving in the South Pacific as an intelligence officer he held the rank of captain in 1945 when he was discharged.

In 1949 he successfully ran for the United States House of Representatives and was re-elected to Congress in 1952 for a two year term.



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Gentle giant plays the role of mentor and coach

By ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

Gary Barlow, offensive coordinator of the Valley Monarchs football team, is far from the stereotype one expects of a football coach.

A gentle giant, the soft spoken Barlow prefers to think of himself in the role of a mentor, as a guiding influence, in the lives of the young men under his care.

"I start each season by telling them that every game, whether won or lost, is a learning experience that can be applied to events that may occur later on in their lives. These gains or losses need to be evaluated and learned from," said Barlow.

He is more dedicated to building the moral character of his players so they can cope with the game of life, rather than merely training them to win on the football field. Barlow measures his coaching success not in the number of games his players win, but how they conduct themselves on and off the field.

If they should fail to win a game,

he blames himself for not properly preparing them.

"In effect, I try to teach them the same strategy I employ while coaching a game. I constantly make adjustments to, or compensations for, the tactics of the opposing team. If I'm successful, they (his players) will be able to meet adversity head on in whatever endeavor they pursue after leaving college," Barlow added.

Born in the town of Tracy in northern California, Barlow began his football career as an offensive tackle in high school. He received a scholarship to play football for the University of Wyoming.

After two years at Wyoming, in 1988 he transferred to the University of the Pacific where he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education.

After a short stint of playing with the Barcelona Dragons of the World League of American Football, in 1991 he signed with the New York Giants of the National Football League as a free agent. After playing for half a season, an injury to

his ankle sidelined him and put an end to his playing career.

Returning to college football, he coached for Delta College where he met Jim Fenwick. When Fenwick assumed the head coaching position at Valley College in 1991, he asked Barlow to be his offensive coordinator.

Through their collective expertise and the assistance of the other knowledgeable coaches on the staff, the Monarchs have reached heights of success never before realized. Barlow is more than pleased with the success of the team, but that success is secondary to the reason that keeps him at Valley.

"With its mixture of ethnic backgrounds, coaching at Valley has presented me with a challenge I can't ignore," said Barlow. "Most of my players were not born with silver spoons in their mouths and have known nothing but adversity in their formative years.

"When they line up against their opponents, I want them equipped both mentally and physically. The mental mistakes they make are



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Coach Gary Barlow shares his wisdom of the game with Monarch's wide receiver Richard Gill.

quickly addressed and remedied. They are taught not to hate their opponents, but to consider every team they face as worthy adversaries.

"Hard Work and Dedication are the ethics I stress. Their acceptance and adherence to hard work is evident, as proved by the team's winning record. Dedication though, is something that can only be proven

after a long period of time and I anxiously wait to hear of their success in the business world," Barlow added.

Barlow is not anxious to move on in his coaching career. "I find my present niche in life to be totally rewarding. I have no ambition of being head coach, at the present time, and no desire to leave Valley College," said Barlow in a soft

tone of voice.

He added, "In my position here, I'm with the players not only during the playing season, but the off-season as well. The position of head coach is a loftier one, but, it is a more segregated one, one that precludes the close association I now enjoy with the players. I want to remain totally involved with them."

Valley starts playoffs with comeback victory

By GREGG GOLDSTEIN
Sports Editor

Despite having a 16-0 run in the second half, the Monarchs held on to a 73-72 win against Rio Hondo because of a shot blocked by LaMarr Thompson in the final seconds of the game on Feb. 24 at Valley.

The Monarchs (20-12) held a 73-69 lead with nine seconds left in the game when Isaac Taylor of Rio Hondo (15-16) hit a three-pointer. The Roadrunners then stole the inbounds pass, but Thompson blocked the desperation shot by Carlton Whiteside.

Mack Cleveland, who had missed the last four games with a sprained knee, came off the bench and scored 13 points, including a three-pointer

that started the 16-0 rally with under seven minutes to play in the game.

The Monarchs, who held a 34-33 halftime lead, found themselves revitalized after the Cleveland shot, and started cutting into the Roadrunner lead. The rally finished as Vernon Simmons hit a jump shot to take back the lead at 60-59 with 3:39 left to play in the game.

Cleveland also made the game winning points with a pair of free throws with nine seconds remaining.

Craig Griffin, who averaged 11.9 points per game this season, led the Monarchs with 16 points in the win. Simmons also added 15 points and four rebounds. Taylor of Rio Hondo lead all scorers with 18.

The win against Rio Hondo ad-

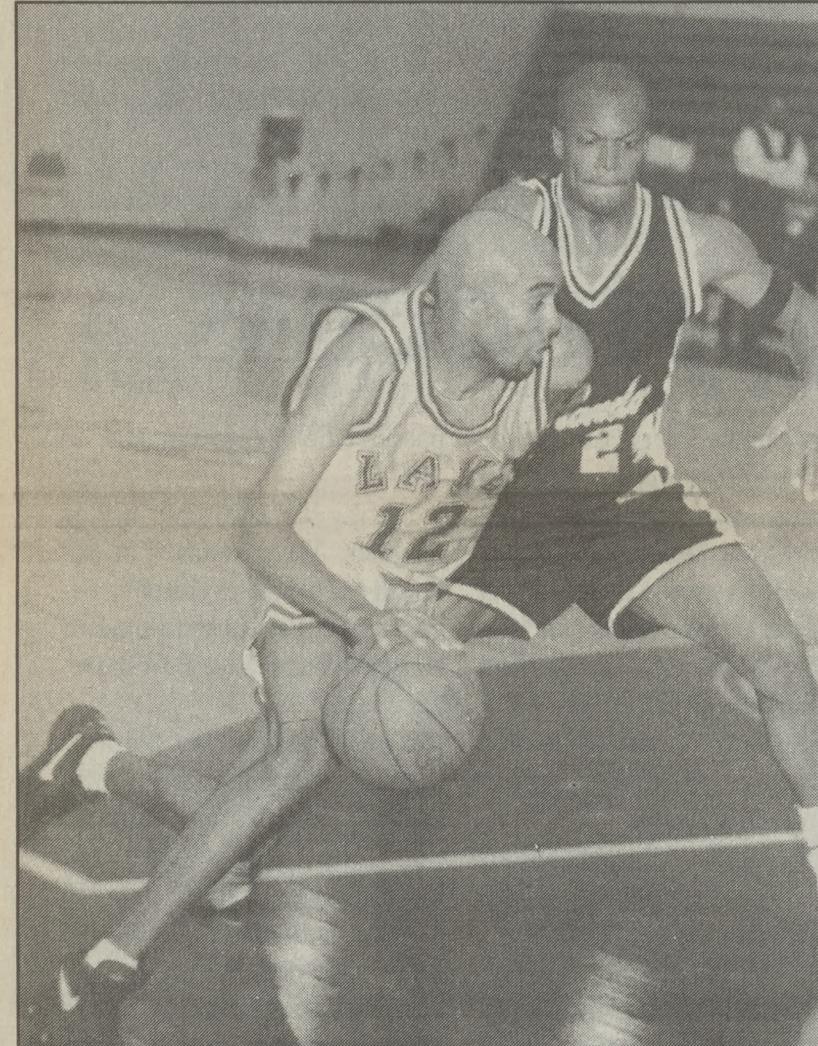
vanced the 12th ranked Monarchs to the second round of the playoffs against Long Beach, which is ranked fifth in the Southern Regional Brackets. The game at Long Beach was still going on as the

paper went to press on Wednesday night.

The State Championships will be held on Mar. 9 through 11 at the Bren Events Center on campus at the University of California, Irvine.

Upcoming Sports Schedule

- 3/2 Men's Baseball vs. Mission 2 p.m.
- 3/3 Men's and Women's Track at Glendale (Valley, Glendale, Bakersfield) 2 p.m.
- 3/4 Men's Baseball at Pierce 1 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. East L.A. at South Gate Park TBA
- 3/5 Women's Softball vs. East L.A. at South Gate Park TBA
- 3/7 Men's Baseball vs. Bakersfield 2:30 p.m.
- 3/8 Men's and Women's Swimming at El Camino 2:30 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. Pierce 3:30 p.m.
- 3/9 Men's Baseball vs. COC 2 p.m.
- 3/10 Men's and Women's Track at Santa Barbara (Valley, Santa Barbara, COC, West L.A.) 2 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Swimming at Santa Monica 2:30 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. Bakersfield 3:30 p.m.



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Number 12 Vernard Harris blasts by Isaac Taylor in the Feb. 24 stunning 73-72 playoff victory over the Rio Hondo Roadrunners.

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